

WITH SELECTIVE DRAFT FEATURE

Army Bill to Be Passed By Congress, Say Leaders.

TO BE PUT THROUGH THIS WEEK

Administration Forces in the House Claim a Majority of Between Twenty-five and Fifty Over the Volunteer Advocates—Debate on Conscription Continues in Both Houses of Congress.

Washington, April 27.—The war army bill will be passed by congress before the present week ends, and, unless leaders in senate and house are far ahead in their predictions, it will go through with the selective draft feature virtually as it came from the war department.

The senate definitely committed itself to a final vote on the bill before midnight Saturday. The house is determined to vote this evening if possible.

The senate is expected to put through the bill by a majority of large proportions and to defeat the proposed amendment authorizing the president to call for volunteers by a majority of at least 16. In the house the administration forces are confident the volunteer advocates will be routed by a majority of between 25 and 50. With the volunteer substitute out of the way, the majority for the bill is expected to be overwhelming.

Senators Hale, Beckman, Myers and Stone supported the administration bill during the day's debate and Senator Sherman opposed it. Senator Stone, who concluded debate in the senate, declared that although he opposed the declaration of war, he would vote with the president for conscription. He said he believed, however, the bill should be changed to make the ages of those subject to draft 21 to 40 instead of 19 to 25, and that it should contain a provision that the president, when peace is declared, must give up his authority to raise an army under it.

Hesitant from the galleries greeted Representative Mason, Republican of Illinois, when he assailed President Wilson for failing to accept immediately Colonel Roosevelt's offer to raise a division for service in France. A few members joined in the demonstration. "The man in the White House hasn't the courage or political sagacity to permit the colonel to enlist for fear he will profit politically," was the sentence which drew the hissing.

Declaring that officers are being selected and not drafted, Senator Sherman said Major General Wood "has been sent to South Carolina to vegetate," and that Dr. Grayson was promoted to be a rear admiral by "judicial selection." "Is this the perfected fruit of conscription?" asked the Illinois senator. "If this is the evidence—and it is the first day of the administration plans, then the term 'political generals' is accurately applied."

Representative Sherwood of Ohio, a civil war brigadier general, spoke for the volunteer plan. He characterized the draft as "un-American, unconstitutional and unnecessary."

A number of visiting Woodmen were present in this city Saturday night at the district meeting and initiation of the Woodmen of the World.

Headed by the Woodmen Band and the uniform ranks of the order, the lodge paraded the streets of this city, every member carrying an American flag.

Veteran D. C. Cullen, South Buckeye street, stumbled and fell last Saturday morning, inflicting an ugly scalp wound. He is 82 years old and crippled.

Mrs. H. I. Schunck Jewelry Store

One of the Leading Establishments of Celina and Headquarters for Presents for Every Occasion—Under Direction of Competent Management and One of the Progressive Stores of Mercer County.

There is positively no reason why people should not take into consideration the modern and up-to-date Mrs. H. I. Schunck Jewelry Store when making selections in the jewelry line. This is one of the progressive establishments of Mercer county that has long been known as one of our most efficient and reliable stores.

At this season of the year the Mrs. H. I. Schunck store is especially prepared to serve the trade in the way of commencement and wedding presents and we wish to suggest that the problem of what to give will be readily and satisfactorily solved by a visit to this complete store. Of course, everyone knows that this store is headquarters for diamonds, watches, silver ware, cut glass, Pickard China, goldware, and everything else that pertains to a modern and complete stock of jewelry. But a special feature is made of the repair department under the supervision of Mr. F. M. McNare, wherein the expertness and experience of the Mrs. H. I. Schunck workmen accrues to the advantage of all of the many patrons of this store. In the optical department you will find the same high efficiency that obtains throughout the remainder of the establishment. This is in charge of a graduate optician of wide experience and those of our

Deputy Marshal Lyall Marlan and Alexander Norris were responsible Saturday night for the arrest of one of the youthful gangs that has been committing recent burglaries. Those arrested were: Victor and Byron Schroyer, aged 18 and 15, and Albert Traxler, aged 15. The elder Schroyer was armed with a .32 calibre revolver and the gang was plentifully supplied with keys. They were kept in the city lock-up over night and taken to the county jail Sunday. They were given indefinite sentences in the State reformatory and were taken to Lancaster, Wednesday.—Ft. Recovery Journal.

Gail King, West Fayette street, an employee at the furniture factory last the third finger of his right hand last Monday. He had the finger so badly mashed that it was necessary to amputate it. The rest of the hand was badly bruised.

Homer Adams, of Hopewell township, had the first finger of his left hand badly crushed, when he caught it in the cogs of a farm tractor, last Friday.

Big Pete says he sold 716 pair of shoes, socks, gloves, and overalls on last Saturday.

Mrs. H. M. Driver, of College Park, Georgia, who is the guest of her father, David Pifer, in Center township, gave us a pleasant call last Saturday and joined the Democrat's big household.

BEN WILSON IN NEW SERIAL

A new Universal serial is an event, for the standard set by the company in this respect is very high, and they have a great number of successes. The latest will be released in the week of March 12, and is a mystery-serial, the plot of which is absolutely unsolvable. It is called "The Voice on the Wire," and is a screen adaptation by J. G. Alexander of the popular novel of the same name, by Eustace Hale Ball. The serial will be in fifteen episodes of two reels each.

The production is in the capable hands of Stuart Paton, whose greatest claim to distinction is the tremendous special feature, "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," which broke all records at the Broadway theatre, New York. Paton will have as his star Ben Wilson, one of the most popular leading men on the screen, with scores of successes to his credit. In the new serial he has the role of John Shirley, a student of criminology, who is called upon to solve the mystery of a series of murders, all of which are committed in the same way, by the "Japanese death punch," delivered just over the heart, and in all of which the only clue is a voice over a disconnected wire. The role fits Wilson to a "T."

The leading lady will be Neva Gerber, one of the prettiest of screen actresses, who has been appearing with great success on the Universal program. She is more than a pretty girl, for she is an accomplished actress as well. Prominent all through the serial are Howard Crumpton and Joe Girard, both of whom have roles in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." When the first episode is run, it will be seen that the Universal has struck twelve again.

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FISHBAUGH

Awarded Contract for Water Extension on West Logan and Godfrey Avenue.

At a special meeting of the Board of Public Affairs Wednesday evening A. W. Fishbaugh, of this city, was awarded the contract for the water extensions on West Logan street and Godfrey avenue.

The contract for furnishing a new steam engine for the electric light plant was awarded to A. L. Ide and Son, of Springfield, at their bid of \$4275, and the contract for a new generator went to the Electric Machinery Co., of Minneapolis, Minn., at their bid of \$2727.

Prof. J. W. Pogue, superintendent of the local public schools, has been chosen as one of the judges of the Northwestern Ohio Oratorical contest to be held May 4.

The first dance of the season will be given at the Bony hall, at 18. Henry, Wednesday, May 2. Music by the oldwater Saxophone trio. Admission 25 cents. Everybody invited.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Celina—Sunday-school at 8:45 a.m. English service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no vesper service as the congregation is invited to the dedication concert at Hopewell in the afternoon and evening.

Hopewell—Sunday-school at 1:00 p.m.; dedication of the new bell at 2:00 p.m.; evening service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. A. J. Fuger, of Dayton will preach the sermons.

J. W. Desch

Conducts One of the Best Concrete Product Factories in Northwestern Ohio, and Is An Extensive Dealer in Cement and Sewer Pipe.

Mr. J. W. Desch's factory is daily turning out brick, balustrades, columns and many other high grade cement products. Only the very best materials are used in this modern factory and it is equipped throughout with the very latest and best up-to-date machinery for the manufacture of this class of work. In it are employed men who know their business, and we state with emphasis that the cement products turned out at Desch's factory are as good as the finest that you can buy anywhere in the country and exceedingly superior to the usual class of cement products.

The progressive efforts of this well known manufacturer are responsible on an immense degree for the extensiveness of business and home building throughout this section of the country. With the use of his products you are now enabled to build eminently more beautiful residences and business structures at a much lower cost than formerly, while they will stand through the ages, outlasting by years structures of wood.

Mr. Desch is an extensive dealer in sewer pipe of all sizes, sand, and cement of the highest test.

Thus Mr. Desch adds to the prosperity and progress of the section of country in which he lives. Throughout this community he is known as a man of shrewd business judgment, pleasant manner and civic pride. He has merited the success he has achieved, the very fine quality and reasonable prices of his products guarantee an ever increasing volume of business.

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After three hours deliberation the jury hearing the case of the Economy Hog & Cattle Powder Company vs. A. J. Baumgartner, reported to Judge Miller last Tuesday afternoon. They found in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$103.96, and for the defendant on his cross petition in the sum of \$40, making a balance due plaintiff of \$63.96.

William Pratt, indicted by the last grand jury for obtaining money under false pretenses, was found guilty by a jury before Common Pleas Judge Miller last Saturday, after they had deliberated for an hour. Pratt is still in jail awaiting sentence.

John Traxler was arrested by Night policeman Helstan last Monday night for being drunk and disorderly. He pleaded guilty before Mayor Scranton, Tuesday morning and was fined \$5 and costs.

THE GRIM REAPER

James Logan, aged 74 years, better known to the people of this city as "Jimmy" Logan, died at 4:15 late Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter Mrs. Anna Bowers.

Deceased was born at Huntington, Pa., Nov. 27, 1842. He came to this city in 1867. For several years past he has been employed as watchman by the Lake Erie & Western at their Main street crossing.

He is survived by two children—George W. Logan, of Lima, and the daughter at whose home he died, and by six step-children. One sister, Maggie Cisco, of Beatrice Nebraska, also survives. Funeral services were held by Rev. Lance at the M. E. church this morning.

Miss Letitia Johnson, aged 70 years, died at noon last Friday at her home in Butler township, three miles south of this city.

Deceased was born in Armagh county, Ireland, in 1847. She was one of a family of seven children. She emigrated to this country with her parents in 1851 and settled at Piquette, in 1854 they moved to this county. She made her home with her brother Nicholas Johnson, for a number of years past. Another brother, Joseph also survives.

COMMISSIONERS

The following pike improvements bonds having been offered to the Industrial Commission and rejected, were last Friday ordered advertised for sale. Bids will be received until 1 p.m., Monday, May 14. There are four issues totaling \$29,400. The bonds are dated May 15, and bear 4 1/2 per cent interest coupons. The legal notice of the sale will be found in another column of this issue.

Meeting last Friday on the matter of the Welling ditch the Board ordered said ditch work sold at public outcry on the improvement, on Friday, May 4.

THE PROBATE COURT

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SECOND LOAN GOES TO ITALY

New Issue of Treasury Certificates to Be Announced.

NEEDS OF ALLIES MADE KNOWN

Uncle Sam Will Be Called Upon to Finance the Entente Powers to the Extent of \$400,000,000 or More a Month—Program Calls For Expenditure of Every Dollar in This Country For Supplies.

Washington, April 27.—It became known that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will make a second issue of certificates of indebtedness within the next ten days to raise the second \$200,000,000 to be used in the general plan for financing the entente allies.

A portion of this second loan will go to Italy, because her factories and ammunition plants are on the verge of being shut down for lack of coal. As soon as the certificates are subscribed for and negotiations for a loan to Italy completed, steps will be taken to put certain seized German vessels into commission so as to form a means of getting coal, the main thing now needed, to Italian ports.

Preliminary reports to the treasury department upon which Secretary McAdoo will base his recommendations to the president as to the size of the first bond issue under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance law, indicate that the United States will be called upon to finance the allies to the extent of at least \$400,000,000 and possibly \$500,000,000 a month. The tentative program also calls for the expenditure of virtually every dollar of the borrowed money in this country for foodstuffs, munitions, coal, clothing, railway equipment and other supplies.

The estimates, still incomplete and subject to revision, indicate the following entente needs: For Great Britain, \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000 a month; for France, from \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000; for Russia, a sum undetermined, but up to \$100,000,000 a month, depending largely upon the ability of manufacturing plants in this country to meet her demands, mostly for supplies other than foodstuffs and munitions; for Italy, about \$50,000,000 a month.

Should these requirements be met in their entirety, the \$3,000,000,000 available for lending the allies would be exhausted in from six to seven and one-half months. It is likely, however, that the preliminary estimates can be pared down to a point where, without omitting essentials, the huge loan could be made to cover requirements for a much longer period of time, possibly for one year.

Secretary McAdoo is favorably inclined to the liberal use of the certificates of indebtedness as a means for easing the strain upon the country's finances in connection with the bond issue. Under the terms of the war finance law, he is not limited to a total issue of \$2,000,000,000, but is limited to an outstanding indebtedness of \$2,000,000,000 represented by this form of security. It would be possible therefore for him to issue far more than \$2,000,000,000 altogether, retiring the certificates with bonds in such a manner as to bring the total due on certificates at any one time well within the \$2,000,000,000 limit.

Irene Marie, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swelger, of Washington township, died last Monday morning. Funeral services were held at the Christian church at Macedon, Wednesday afternoon.

W. F. Penn, former Mayor and well known resident of Rockford, died at his home in that village on the 18th inst. He was 68 years of age and is survived by his wife and four children.

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